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Dear Hal,

Note even "The American Spectator" - Bible of the far right - has reservations about Hersh as well they should!

He based his book "The Sampson option" on Ari Ben Menashe. Now he considers Ari "like most people do".

The Sy Hersh who wrote "The Price of Power", a great book on Kissinger has gone south at Normandy.

He gets even the obvious wrong. As this endorsement shows - ("The Congo Cables" by Madeleine Kalb, Mc Millan 1982) Eisenhower ordered

the assassination of Lumumba. And, as you pointed out, it was under Lbj the Castro plots began.

But that does not fit Hoch's view.

A really good book!

Sincerely,
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